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1. Deployment of Command Headquarters and Air Force units:

- a. 1 Air Force Division: Skoplje - composed of 113, 554 and 421 Regiments.
- b. 2 Air Force Division: Zagreb - composed of 113, 422 and 423 Regiments.
- c. 3 Air Force Division: Ljubljana - composed of 128, 112 and 254 Regiments.
- d. 4 Air Force Division: Sember - composed of 40, 41 and 42 Regiments.

The 112 and 254 Regiments are currently deployed at the Ljubljana airports.

2. Vrsac Airport - School for Paratroopers:

- a. A special unit was recently formed for intensifying the training of paratroopers in Yugoslavia. The most important of these training schools is at Vrsac, east of Belgrade. The commander of the paratroopers is Colonel Giuca Bozovic, a former chief of section of the VCK attached to the General Staff of the Yugoslav Air Force. Commander of the school is Lieutenant Colonel Vlado Simic, former commander of the 1 Transport Regiment.
- b. Civilian paratroopers are also being trained at the Vrsac school. These pupils belong to the Vazduhoplovni Savez Jugoslavije (Yugoslav Popular Aeronautical Force), which was organized and is commanded by Major General Vlado Ambrozic, with the collaboration of his aides, Colonel Nenad Drakulic and Major Mihailo Velimirovic. At present there are about 600 troops being trained at the Vrsac school; there are 17 instructors who are officers of the Yugoslav Army. The school administrator is Major Ratko Liksic, formerly aide to Lieutenant Colonel Simic. Political Commissar is Major Francesco Kuhar, who for some time was political commissar attached to the 1 Armored Division.

3. Arrest of General Victor Bubanj: General Victor Bubanj, Chief of the General Staff of the Yugoslav Air Force and former commander of the Cerclje (sic) airport was arrested at the end of January 1949 by the UDB as a Cominformist, for organizing the escape abroad of Yugoslav officers of the Air Force. It is quite likely that Lieutenant Colonel Albin Palcic, currently commander of 3 Air Division with headquarters at Ljubljana, will be appointed Chief of the General Staff of the Yugoslav Military Air Force.

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